

An Introduction to E-rate



College and Career Ready

That's our goal.

The Department of Public Instruction is the state agency that advances public education and libraries in Wisconsin. Our goal is to ensure **every child** graduates ready for further education and the workplace.

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E-rate Basics

- What is E-rate
- How Funding Works
- Different Categories
- Category 2 Budget
- Recap



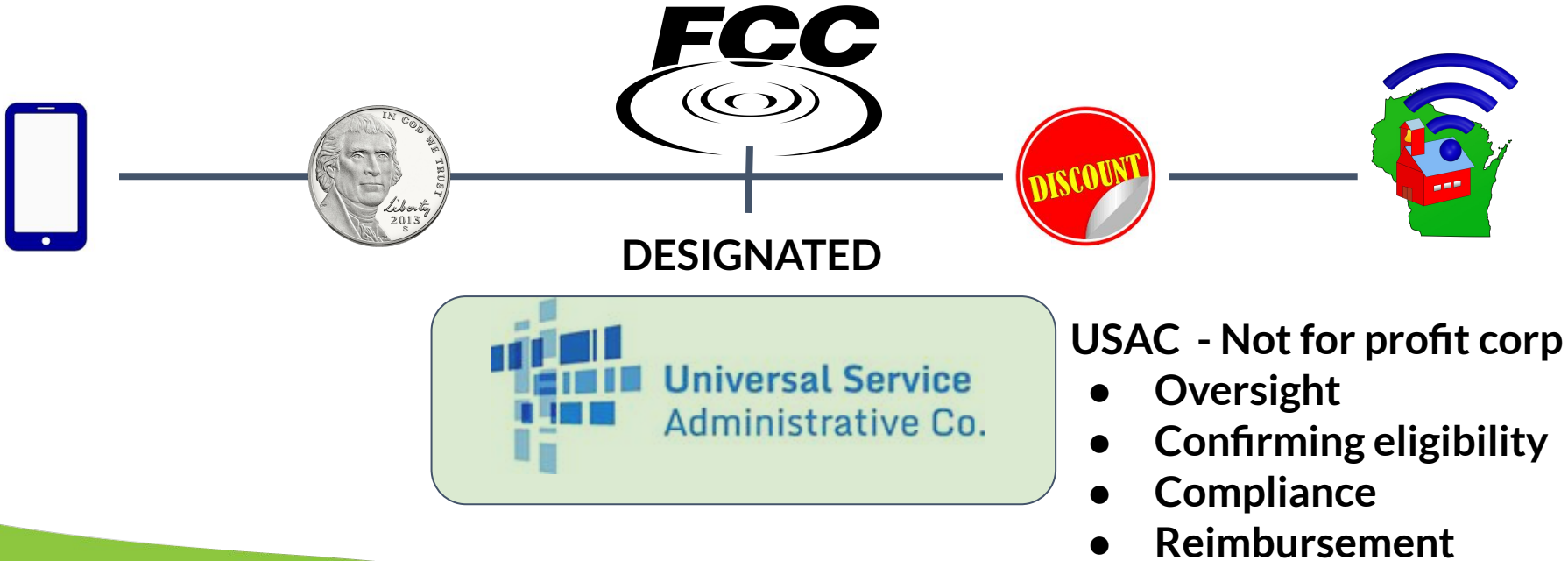
Erate Basics

PART 1

WHAT IS ERATE



What is E-rate?



E-rate

- **Telco service charge funded**
- **Funds high speed Internet to schools and libraries**
- **Needs based determined by School Lunch Number(SLN)**
- **Federal discount program Not a grant**
- **Discounts range from 20% - 90%**
- **Current Cap of \$4.15 Billion**
- **Modernization; 2014 moved from Telco to Internet**



Erate Basics

PART 2 FUNDING



What is E-rate - Categories of Purchase

1

Guiding rule; Anything that brings high speed internet to your building

- Transport
- ISP
- Connection fees
- Maintenance

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Guiding rule; Anything that brings high speed internet to your classroom

- Switches
- Wiring
- Access points
- UPS
- Maintenance

[List of 2019 eligible services](#)

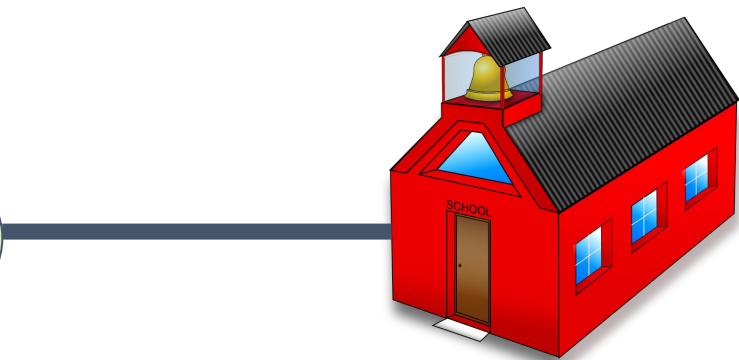
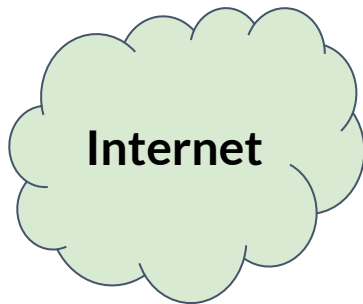


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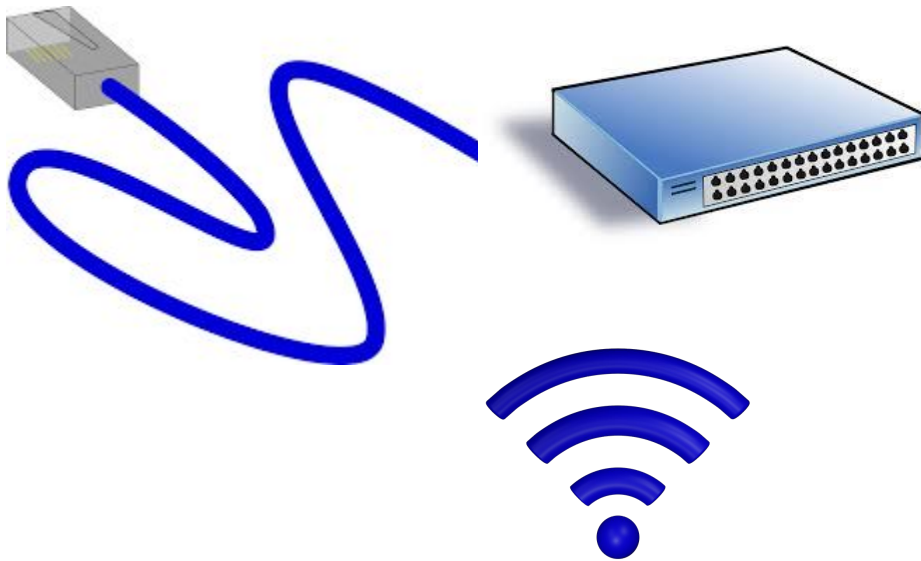
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What is E-rate - Category 2



2

Guiding rule; Anything that brings high speed internet to your classroom

- Switches
- Wiring
- Access points
- UPS

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What is E-rate - Category 2 Budget

- Needs based determined by School Lunch Number(SLN)
- Discounts range from 20% - 90%
- 5 year budget
- \$159.97 per student
- By School

INCOME Measured by % of students eligible for the National School Lunch Program (NSLP)	CATEGORY ONE (C1)		CATEGORY TWO (C2)	
	URBAN Discount	RURAL Discount	URBAN Discount	RURAL Discount
Less than 1%	20%	25%	20%	25%
1% to 19%	40%	50%	40%	50%
20% to 34%	50%	60%	50%	60%
35% to 49%	60%	70%	60%	70%
50% to 74%	80%	80%	80%	80%
75% to 100%	90%	90%	85%	85%



What is E-rate - Category 2 Budget

School	Number of Students	Budget Amount	Total 5 Year Budget	Discount Rate	Per \$100 You Pay
High School	1000	\$159.97	\$159,970	40%	\$60
			\$156,930		



What is E-rate - Forms

PART 3 Forms



What is E-rate - Forms

Planning

FCDL
Approval
Letter

Form 470
Open Bidding
Process

Form 471
Request Funding
from USAC

Form 486
Receipt of Service

Form 472/474
Billing

I want services
RFP
Open and Fair

I have chosen and I
want funding

I have started my
services and I am
compliant

472 Reimburse Me

474 Pay My Share

PIA
Program Integrity
Assurance



What is E-rate - Forms (470)

Form 470
Open Bidding
Process

**I Want
Services**

- Run a Open and Fair competitive bidding process
- Bidding process must be open for 28 days
- Price must primary factor



What is E-rate - Forms (471)

**Form 471
Request Funding
from USAC**

**I have chosen a
vendor and I want
funding**

- I have completed the 470 process and I now want to work with a selected vendor
- Provide information about your request (Who, What , Where)
- Answers review questions (PIA)
- Receive a funding commitment decision letter (FCDL)



What is E-rate - Forms (486)

Form 486
Receipt of Service

**I have started my
services and I am
compliant**

- Notify USAC services have started
- Usually After July 1st
- Answers review questions
- Verify that you are CIPA compliant
 - Filtering
 - Public Meeting



What is E-rate - Forms (472/474)

Form 472/474
Billing

472 Reimburse Me

474 Pay My Share

- **472** Commonly referred to as the BEAR form Means you pay in full and seek reimbursement from USAC. Requires a form 498 Bank routing form (Billed Entity Applicant Reimbursement)
- **474** Commonly referred to as the SPI form Means the service provider bills you with a discounted customer bill. The service provider also bills USAC for the discounted amount (Service Provider Invoice)
- Answers review questions



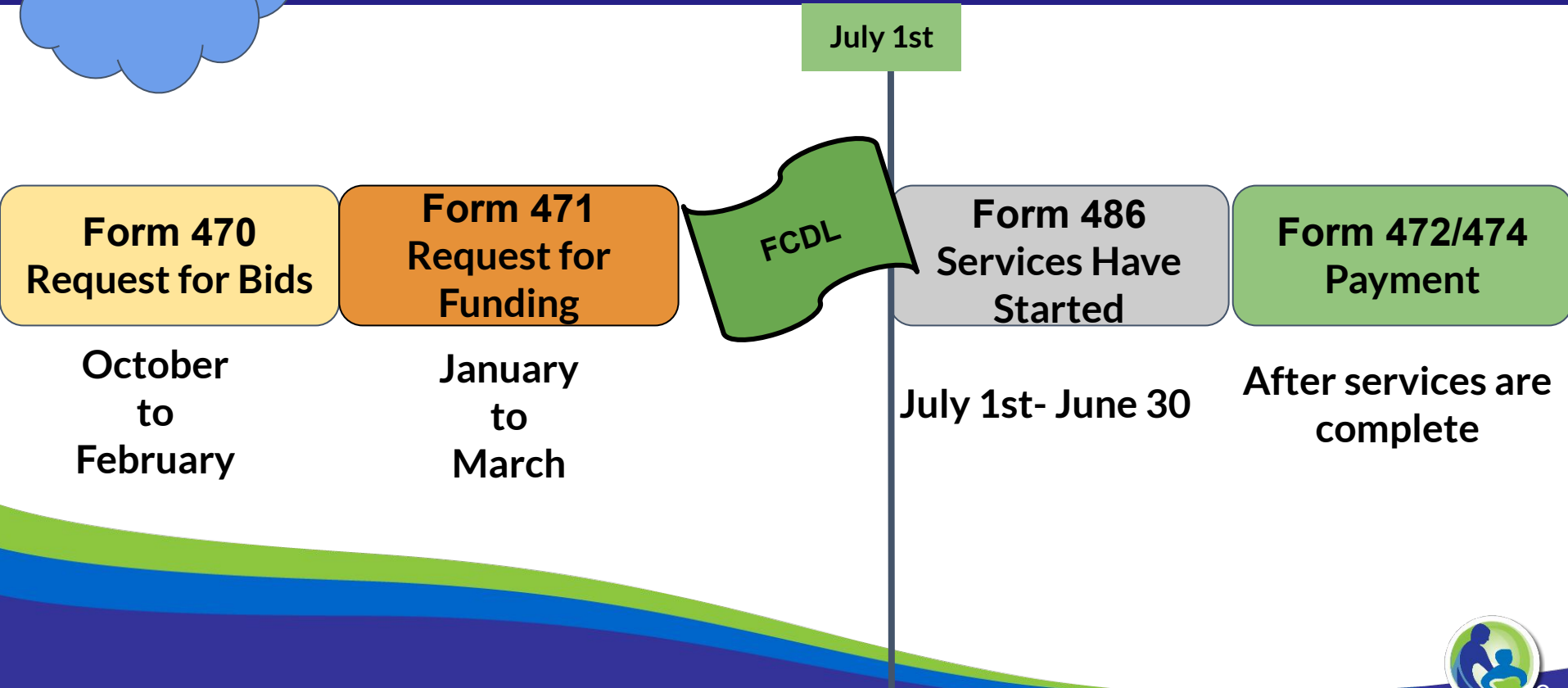
What is E-rate

PART 4 **TIMELINES**



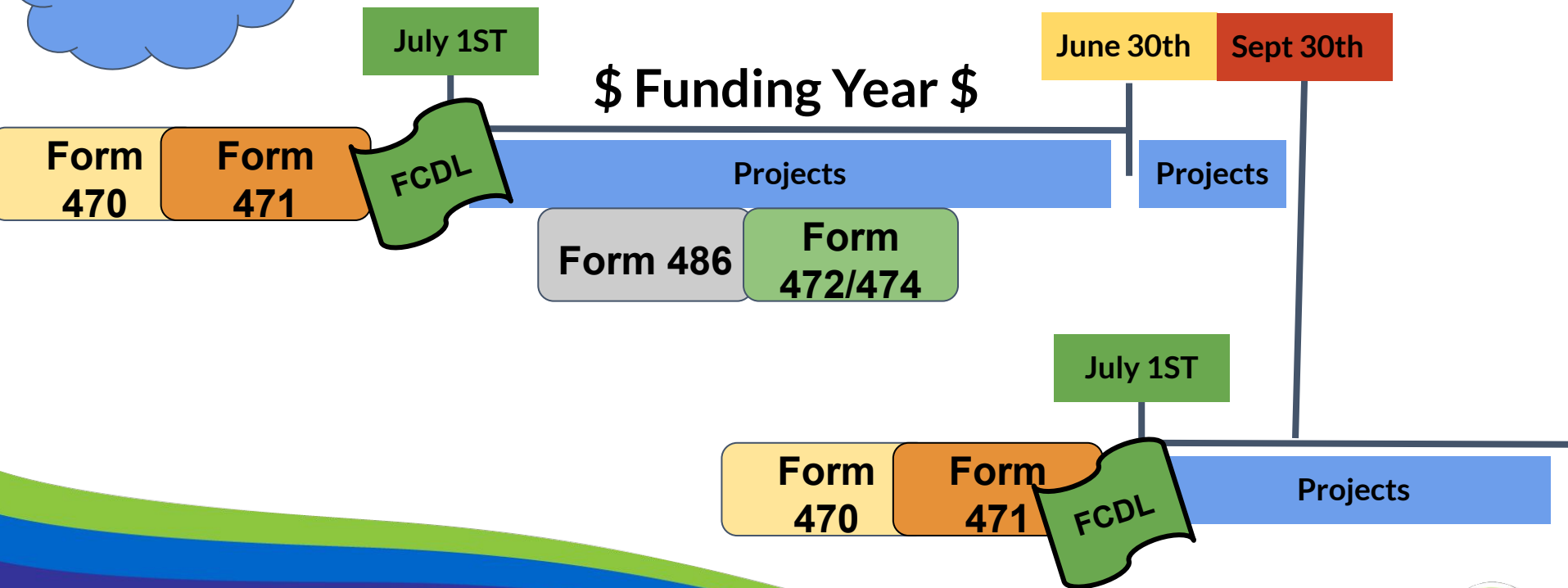
Planning

What is E-rate - Timelines



Planning

What is E-rate - Timelines



What is E-rate - Recap

- E-rate helps districts and libraries deliver ubiquitous High speed internet
- Federally regulated, discount program
- Controlled by the FCC
- Operated by USAC
- Discounts are based on a district's School Lunch Number (SLN)
- Discounts have two categories
 - Category 1 delivers Internet to the building
 - Category 2 delivers Internet to the classroom



What is E-rate - Update

- **Filling window for 2020 has not opened**
- **Under current consideration**
 - 5 year budget window
 - Category 2 eligible services
 - District budget vs building budget

Webinars

- **October 15th 1: PM, E-Rate Bidding Rules and Best Practices**
- **October 29th 1: PM Filing the Form 470 Overview**
- **November TBD Filing the Form 470: Category 2 Requests**



Resources

<https://dpi.wi.gov/erate>

<https://www.usac.org/sl/>

<https://e-ratecentral.com/>

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